

## The Times-Dispatch.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1908.

## A SALUTATION.

The interesting announcement is made that the morning and afternoon papers of Richmond have agreed upon a consolidation to be known as the Times-Dispatch and the News-Leader. We have no knowledge of the details further than that they are stated in the brief telegram published in another column, but the agreement has the appearance of a sound business transaction, which will redound to the mutual benefit of publishers and public. The newspaper situation in Richmond has not been a healthy one, from a business point of view, for some time. The papers were larger and better, relatively speaking, than those of New York, and the expenses were enormously out of proportion to any rational prospective return. The consolidation means a greatly reduced cost of production, with a possible improvement of quality. It also means for Richmond the greatest newspaper in the South, and at the same time a fair measure of profit for the owners. It is probably not been the case for some time past. We heartily congratulate the advent of The Times-Dispatch and the News-Leader, and confidently predict that Richmond will be better served in all journalistic respects under the new regime than ever before.—Petersburg Index-appeal.

This is a very fair and sensible statement of the situation, except that our contemporary's use of the word consolidation may be misunderstood. There has been no combination between the owners of the Dispatch and News on the one hand, and the owner of The Times and Leader on the other. Mr. Joseph Bryan purchased the name, good-will, subscription list, advertising business and Associated Press franchise of that paper, and in turn sold to the same interests the name, good-will, subscription list, advertising business and Associated Press franchise of the Leader. The Dispatch will hereafter be published in connection with The Times as The Times-Dispatch, and the Leader will be published in connection with the News as the News-Leader. The two establishments, however, are as distinct as ever and entirely distinct. Mr. Bryan has no proprietary interest whatever in the News-Leader, nor have the owners of that paper, or any of them, any proprietary interest whatever in The Times-Dispatch.

The simple fact is that there were too many newspapers in Richmond, and good business demanded that the number should be reduced. The change that has come to pass was the natural and logical solution of the problem, one side taking the morning field and the other side the evening field. Richmond is able to support one modern, first-class paper in each field, but no more. The experiment has been tried, and those who have put the matter to the test are fully satisfied on that point. In this respect Richmond is not unlike other cities in the South of the same class. Even Washington, D. C., has only one morning paper. An attempt was made several years ago to establish another morning paper in that city, but after a large expenditure of money the paper was retired.

Atlanta has but one morning paper. The same is true of Charleston and Columbia, S. C., Savannah, Macon, Augusta, Ga.; Montgomery, Mobile, Birmingham, Ala.; Memphis and Nashville, Tenn. These cities are more eligible located in one respect than Richmond, for they do not come into daily competition with the newspapers of the Northern cities.

Richmond is to be classed with Atlanta, Nashville and Memphis. In Atlanta the Constitution has for many years occupied the morning field without competition. In Nashville a strong fight was made against the American several years ago, but after sinking a round sum of money the effort to run the American out was abandoned, and it now occupies the undisputed morning field.

In Memphis there were in the morning field the Avalanche and the Appeal. These were consolidated, and the Commercial was started up. This was finally taken over by the Appeal-Avalanche, and the Commercial-appeal, representing three daily papers, is now the only morning paper in Memphis.

The Times-Union and Citizen tells the story for Jacksonville.

It is our purpose, as it shall be our earnest endeavor, to make The Times-Dispatch the best newspaper Richmond has ever had, and the equal of any in the South, and we think that our readers will be satisfied. The paper will cover the news completely and fairly. It will be a clean family newspaper, and its editorial conduct will be fearlessly and conscientiously in the interest of pure politics, honest government, public morals, true democracy and material prosperity.

## PUBLICITY.

Several days ago we recommended that the General Assembly amend the existing laws so as to require boards of supervisors to print in the local paper their annual statement, showing receipts and disbursements on the public account.

The Portsmouth Star reproduces the article and adds:

Why not go a step further and require the financial officers of the cities to make public at least once a year an exhibit of their transactions? The people of the cities are as much interested in their financial affairs and have as much right to know all about them as are the people in the counties. The question of expense ought not to enter into any consideration of this matter. Anything from the gospel down, costs money. Indeed, it is saving at the night and letting out at the day to neglect the safeguards involved in publicity on the score of economy.

It is hardly necessary to say to those who have followed us in the discussion of this subject that we are in favor of the greatest possible publicity in the management of public business. The great comfort, not the press is not in the editorial but in the news columns. The "but" cleansing, we does not care anything about it. However, we are

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that there are crooked officials in the State or in the counties. We are simply saying that it is the duty of the government to use every means to make the officials discharge their duties faithfully, and we insist that it is criminal neglect for the State to allow officials to go on from year to year without ever requiring them to make a report to the public.

In this, as in all other phases of life, the proverbial ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. When an official knows that he must make an exhibit to his constituents from time to time, it is a stimulus to him to discharge his duty faithfully and to keep his house in order. But if he knows that he may go on indefinitely without being called to account, he is at least apt to fall into careless habits. The newspaper gives the government an easy and convenient means of publicity, a medium through which communication may be made to the general public, and the government should use this medium in the interest of efficient service and good morals.

## AN AGE OF INDIVIDUALISM.

In eulogizing a boy who had saved a man from drowning, Mr. Andrew Carnegie said recently that in the past the name of hero was to be won only by wholesale slaughter, and that this age was the first to reward with glory the courage that preserves life and adds to the total of human happiness.

This statement is somewhat exaggerated, but there is a great deal of truth in it. That which particularly differentiates this age of progress from other ages, especially the middle ages, is individualism. Talk as much as we please about trusts and combines and a crushing out of competition and all that, it cannot be denied that the individual counts for more in the twentieth century than in any of the centuries that preceded. The life, the liberty, the rights and the happiness of the individual are more than ever the concern of government and more than ever the concern of philanthropic and charitable organizations.

It may also be said that the individual counts for more than ever in the church. In the work of the church, the whole aim of Christianity is to promote individual piety, to make each individual better, to make him happier and to save his soul.

Implied in this is necessarily individual responsibility, and that also is a characteristic of this age. Every man has his own work to do, and the teaching of preachers and orators and newspapers is that each individual must discharge the duties of citizenship faithfully and must exert himself in the interest of good government.

The world still loves a soldier, loves a military hero, loves a fighting man, but Mr. Carnegie is right in saying that the greatest hero in this age is the man who saves life, who contributes most to the sum total of human happiness. And so we have our heroes in philanthropy and our heroes in medical science.

In this connection the educational movement is to be considered. Those men who are now giving their time and their money to the cause of education and exerting themselves to give to each and every child in the land the opportunity to get an education, are to be numbered among the world's heroes, and they are recognized as such. The scientific man who discovers some new remedy for an old disease and who contributes to the general health of the people is also recognized as a hero, especially if in the pursuit of his work he sacrifices his own health or his life.

We do not mean to draw inviolable distinctions between the men of this age and the men of other ages who made sacrifices for the benefit of humanity, but there is undoubtedly now more of the spirit of genuine philanthropy, there are more men and women to-day who are honestly and earnestly endeavoring to uplift their fellows and make life better and happier than ever before in the world's history. It is an inspiring fact, and we emphasize it with a view to encouraging and stimulating those who are engaged in the good work.

## ROOSEVELT AND THE NEGRO.

President Roosevelt insists upon giving the negro political and social recognition. It is his high privilege to do this, and nobody can prevent him. But however conscientious he may be he is making a stupor blunder, and if he keeps it up he is going to get the black man more and more into trouble. Every time he brings the negro into prominence, either politically or socially, he arouses the race instincts of the whites, and the President should have discovered before this that race instinct is not a matter of section. It is as broad as the United States; it is as broad as the world; it exists wherever there are white men, and while it may be dormant in sections where the blacks are few, it is sure to assert itself in any community, either in the South or in the North, where the negroes exist in any considerable numbers. This is a law of nature, and the President may as well try in the face of any other law of nature and hope to succeed in abolishing it. It is an impossibility, and every practical man must know it.

There is another phase of this question which the President seems not to have considered. The negro men and women who went to the reception at the White House the other day knew well enough before they went that their presence was not desired; knew that they would be shunned by the whites; knew that they would get their race into trouble. But this did not deter them from going. Can one imagine a refined white man or woman going into any company where their presence was objectionable, where they would subject themselves to all manner of harsh criticism?

The secret of the marvelous influence of Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, is attributed more than to anything else to his intense and aggressive loyalty to his friends. It is well known that he will move heaven and earth to help the man or the men who have at some time helped him. It is known by every reader of the news columns of the papers that just now Mr. Quay is making a vigorous campaign in behalf of the admission of New Mexico and Arizona into the Union as States. According to those who are on the inside and in a position to know, his only interest in the matter is purely

personal. The whole story is put in these words: He has friends in New Mexico and Arizona, and it is said that the Constitution cuts no figure with him when his friends want a favor done.

The newspapers of the State are beginning to discuss the gubernatorial contest, although it is a long ways off. Now comes the Charlottesville Progress and expresses the opinion that "when political sentiment comes to express itself upon the most suitable and acceptable man to nominate as the Democratic candidate for Governor, the claims of the Hon. Edward Echols will occupy a prominent place."

The Lynchburg Advance very much regrets that the bill doing away with the blessing of the Bible when taking an oath in court was not made the law of the land. It asks:

"Why not require the person taking an oath to lay his hand on the Bible if the Bible must be used, instead of applying it to his lips? The opposition to the change is perhaps only an exhibition of conservative reaction on the assumption that whatever is, is best. If we adopt that maxim there would be an end to all improvement."

On the interesting subject of divorce, interesting to quite a number of people, the Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered an important decision. In an opinion handed down, the court holds that a temporary residence in one State to avoid more stringent regulations in another will not validate divorce proceedings. That is to say, a man or woman, residing in Virginia, who may go to South Dakota and reside in that State just long enough to take advantage of its lax laws, and returns home with the idea that he or she is divorced, is mistaken.

There is no urgent necessity for visiting extreme punishment upon even what an English court calls a traitor, and it is not believed that England is just ready to offer up the gifted and accomplished Colonel Lynch to join the list of martyrs and further embitter the people of Ireland.

The bombardment of San Carlos demonstrated that the German gunners can aim but very little, if any, better than the Spanish.

The plain English of Mr. Hoar's remarks to President Roosevelt is simply this: Mind your own business, if you please.

The Montgomery Advertiser is so unfeeling as to guess that the story of discovery of a corn whiskey vein in Pittsylvania county is the handiwork of the press agent of an immigration and land agency.

The man who tried to bribe that New York Congressman was not an expert at the business, evidently.

The question is: Will the Sulu be allowed to elect a new Sultan to fill the vacancy caused by death or will Mr. Roosevelt appoint one?

The Jamestown Expo. will get a big send-off in Newport News to-night if the weather is good.

Lawyers Jim Hayes and John Wise have taken the hat up North to be passed around for constitution-busting funds.

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the ladies, a short poem from the Persian poet, Saadi, and gave the translation. Mr. Yohannan has completed his course of study at the Union Theological Seminary and expects soon to return to his native country, where he will direct his efforts towards the improvement of the status of Persian womanhood, their advancement in education and along the lines of womanly usefulness.

Mrs. A. H. Warren poured coffee and Mrs. H. A. Williams chocolate at the social hour following the lecture.

Next Monday Mrs. W. E. Evans will be chairman of the afternoon and Dr. Evans will make an address on "The Misfortunes of Genius." Dr. Walter Page, of the Page-Doubleday Company, will be the attraction at the club for Thursday, February 19th.

Guests of the club last afternoon included Mrs. Ewing Peches, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. R. E. McGill, the wife of the secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Publication; Miss Lena Leary, of Amelia county; Mrs. Tudolph Teasler, of Tokio, Japan; Miss Graham, of Huntsville, Ala.; Mrs. H. Logan Coleman, of Biceville, Va.; Miss Middleton, of Baltimore; Mrs. Yates M. Wilson, of Portsmouth, the guest of Miss Lou Knox, who accompanied Mrs. H. A. Williams to the club.

Miss Woolson, of Baltimore, who is visiting Mrs. Frank A. Houghton; Mrs. R. C. Selden and Mrs. C. H. Dimmock, of Sherwood, Gloucester county, the guests of Mrs. Henry A. Williams at No. 121 West Grace Street.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society will meet Wednesday at noon. The committee of vice-presidents will meet one hour earlier than important business will be discussed.

A called meeting of the Senior and Junior Okeford Memorial Associations will be held Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock in St. John's Sunday school room. Business of importance in regard to the Confederate Bazaar will be discussed.

A special meeting of the Hebrew Memorial Association will be held this afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. M. E. Snellings, chairman in charge of the Georgia table at the Confederate Bazaar, has announced the following committee:

Mrs. John Hughes, alternate; Mrs. J. S. Moore, treasurer; Mrs. S. V. Green, Mrs. H. New, Mrs. Talley, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. John Charlton, Mrs. Grasswilt, Miss Hunter Ferguson, Mrs. Cheatewood, Miss Fannie McKeivitt, Miss Jessie McLaughlin, Miss Emma McLean, Miss Belle Shillings, Mrs. James Cline, Mrs. Thomas Riddle, Mrs. Sarah Pleasant, Mrs. John P. Howard, Mrs. R. Beecher, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Dr. Massey, Mrs. Dr. Beasley, Miss Fannie Talbot, Mrs. Grace Schermerhorn, Miss Rosa Meyer, Miss Florence Grotter, Miss Bessie French, Miss Mary Curtis and Miss Alice Goodwin.

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